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VS ROSERADE !

POCKET MONSTERS SPECIAL
the
Seventh-Chapter

HMM... WHAT A NICE SCENT!
THE SCENT OF FLOWERS AND TREES
THE FLAVOR OF THE FOREST
WE'RE GONNA HAVE GREAT WEATHER IN ETERNA CITY AS USUAL TODAY...
...CHERYBIT AND ROSERADE!
HMM?
THERE'S SOMETHING DIFFERENT...
...MIXED WITH THE USUAL SCENT OF GRASS AND SOIL...
THIS SCENT...
TAP TAP TAP

I KNOW! IT'S THE SMELL OF 'GAS'!!
STEP
DIA! COME ON ALREADY!
YAWN... THE MOSS ON THIS ROCK FEELS SO COOL AND NICE... I WANNA TAKE A NAP HERE...
THE 'GAS' SMELL IS COMING FROM THEM!!
YOU GUYS!
HEY!
WE'RE FINALLY AT THE EXIT!
ETERNA CITY SHOULD BE JUST AHEAD.
W-WAIT..!
DON'T IGNORE ME LIKE THAT!
ROSERADE
SCREE!
SHUFFLE SHUFFLE
TIGHTEN
TRIP
WAH!!
OUCH! WHAT WAS THAT FOR?!
YOU FOUGHT WITH GAS POKÉMON NOT TOO LONG AGO, AM I RIGHT?
I CAN TELL YOU KNOW

HUH!? WHO ARE YOU? BEEN HEARING YOU YAK AWAY SINCE JUST NOW...
I'M GARDENIA! SO YOU FOUGHT WITH GAS POKÉMON, RIGHT?
YEAH! LAST NIGHT!

I KNEW IT. YOU GUYS REEK FROM THE STENCH OF GAS, YOU KNOW.
WHERE DID YOU FIGHT THOSE POKÉMON?
AT THE OLD CHATEAU...

T-THE OLD...
C-CHATEAU...!?

T...THE OLD CHATEAU IS LIKE THE SCARIEST PLACE IN ALL OF ETERNA FOREST...
I'VE EVEN HEARD RUMORS ABOUT SHADOW GHOSTS AND FIGURES HAUNTING OUT THERE...

H-WAS THINKING OF CHECKING THAT PLACE OUT IN VIEW OF MY POSITION...
BUT I WASN'T PUTTING IT OFF BECAUSE I WAS AFRAID OR ANYTHING, OKAY!?
YOU GUYS WERE SCARED TOO, WEREN'T YOU!?
MAN, SHE'S SUCH A MOTOR-MOUTH... NOT THAT I'M ANY BETTER...
WELL, DA TOOK CARE OF IT IN THE END, SO WE WEREN'T REALLY...
PUSH

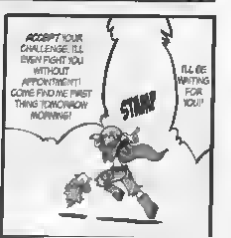
Y-YEH, RIGHT AND EVERYTHIN'...
...A G-G GHOST!?

Y-YEH, GUYS ARE SUPPOSE...
OF COURSE! AFTER ALL, THEY'RE PROFESSIONAL BODYGUARDS!

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF!
IN VIEW OF YOUR "POSITION"? YOU MEAN YOU'RE ACTUALLY SOMEONE WITH STATUS?

WELL ASKED, MY BOY!!
FLAP
I AM THE GYM LEADER OF ETERNA CITY!!

I KNOW, I KNOW.
SINCE YOU GUYS WERE STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEAT THE GHOST AT THE OLD CHATEAU, I BET YOU'RE DYING TO CHALLENGE MY GYM, RIGHT?


ACCEPT YOUR CHALLENGE. I'LL EVEN FIGHT YOU WITHOUT APPOINTMENT! COME FIND ME FIRST THING TOMORROW MORNING!
I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU!!
STOMP

SOMEHOW, OUR ITINERARY FOR TOMORROW HAS BEEN DECIDED. WHAT DO YOU THINK, MISSY?
ARE YOU BOTHERED BECAUSE SHE SAID WE REEK OF THE STENCH OF GAS...
NO! I'M NOT
DON'T WORRY! WE DON'T STINK OF GAS AT ALL!
I WOULD LIKE TO GO TO A HOTEL FOR A SHOWER.
SO YOU ARE BOTHERED ABOUT IT!
WISH I COULD EAT THE JELLY AGAIN...
LOOKS LIKE THERE ARE...
...GYM LEADERS SITUATED IN DIFFERENT CITIES...
ETERNA GREAT HOTEL
WHEN YOU THINK OF POKÉMON!
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THEY HAVE THIS ATTRIBUTE CALLED "HAPPINESS."
YOU DON'T SAY! IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S LIKE THE BOND OF TRUST BETWEEN A TRAINER AND HIS POKÉMON?
THE MORE YOU CARE FOR YOUR POKÉMON, THE "HAPPIER" IT BECOMES! FOR EXAMPLE...
"HAVING THEM ON HAND AND STRIKING TOGETHER."
THAT'S "HAVING HAM ON HAND AND EATING TOGETHER"!!
WELL ANYWAY, HOW HAPPY IS YOUR MUNCHLAX?
WELL... NOT AT ALL
MAYBE I SHOULD GIVE HIM AWAY OR SOMETHING?
HUH? BUT WHY?!
THERE'S MORE "HAPPINESS" IN GIVING THAN RECEIVING, RIGHT?
YEAH, I THINK WE MANAGED TO END THIS GAS PRETTY WELL
WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?
MISSY'S PRACTICING...
REALLY?

THE PURPOSE OF MY JOURNEY TO THE PEAK OF MT. CORONET...
...IS TO GATHER MATERIALS TO MAKE FOR MYSELF AN ACCESSORY EMBLAZONED WITH MY FAMILY CREST! AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS ALSO A JOURNEY TO TRAIN MYSELF TO BECOME SOMEONE BERITTING OF THE DISTINGUISHED BERLITZ NAME

THERE ARE THINGS IN LIFE WHICH I CAN NEVER FULLY COMPREHEND UNLESS I PERSONALLY GO THROUGH IT MYSELF!
I HAVE TO LEARN THAT KNOWLEDGE ONLY BECOMES REAL WITH EXPERIENCE!

WE'LL HAVE TO GAIN AS MUCH EXPERIENCE AS WE CAN! WE'LL CHALLENGE ALL THE GYM LEADERS THAT ARE OUT THERE!
RIGHT, PIPLUP?

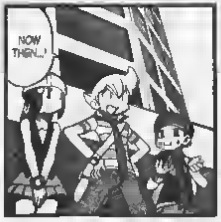
THE GYM LEADER WAS THE ONE WHO MADE THE DECISION FOR US, BUT...
...IT LOOKS LIKE MISSY'S REALLY FEELING UP TO THE TASK, EH?
UP TO THE TAAASSK UP TO THE TAAASSK!

WHAT ABOUT US, PEARL?
DIA, NO, I MEAN DIAMOND I KNOW, I KNOW...

SCRUB SCRUB
SCRUB SCRUB
SCRUB SCRUB

PEARL...!
HIGH HIGH!
I'M ALWAYS WONDERING... "WHY DO WE HAVE TO HELP HER?" BUT WELL... I HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR PEOPLE WHO SHOW THAT THEY HAVE THE DETERMINATION TO WANT TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING!

ALL RIGHT! LET'S GO BE HER TRAINING PARTNERS!
DIA, YOU PRETEND TO BE GARDENIA.
OKAY.


NOW THEN...!

I THINK THAT GYM LEADER GARDENIA PROBABLY SPECIALIZES IN GRASS-TYPE POKÉMON.
WHEN WE BUMPED INTO HER IN THE FOREST, SHE USED "GRASS KNOT"! REMEMBER?
SO IT'S NATURAL FOR US TO ASSUME THAT THE BATTLEFIELD IN THE GYM WILL BE COVERED WITH GRASS, RIGHT?
YES.
YEAH!
IN THAT CASE, IT WOULD BE MORE PRACTICAL FOR YOU TO TRAIN ON A GRASS FIELD INSTEAD OF THE CONCRETE FLOOR OF THE HOTEL'S TERRACE!
AND WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND A FIELD THAT'S AS SPACIOUS AS POSSIBLE
LET ME SEE...
A SPACIOUS GRASS FIELD... SPACIOUS GRASS FIELD...
WHOA!

RUMBLE
RUMBLE

THAT IS ONE HUGE BRONZE STATUE!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT BEFORE! IS IT A POKÉMON?
WOW!
PEARL, MISSY! THAT THING OVER THERE'S PRETTY COOL TOO!
HM... WHAT IS THAT BUILDING SUPPOSED TO BE?
IT HAS THORNS ON IT. LOOKS LIKE A PRETTY TOUGH BUILDING!
WHO CARES ABOUT THAT! LOOK AT THAT EMPTY GRASS FIELD BESIDE IT!
I THINK WE'VE FOUND THE PERFECT SPOT TO TRAIN IN!

MISSY'S MAIN POKÉMON WILL PROBABLY BE PIPLUP SO...
THIS MAY SOUND HARD, BUT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE UP TO BATTLING AGAINST MY CHIMCHO AND DIA'S WIG AT THE SAME TIME?
SURE!
DO IT, DIA!
YEAH!
"I AM GARDENIA, THE GYM LEADER OF ETERNA CITY. PREPARE YOURSELF!"
GO GET 'EM, WIG AND CHIMCHO!

DISTRACT HIM WITH YOUR SPEED AND...
...USE GRASS-TYPE ATTACKS, WHICH WATER-TYPES ARE WEAK AGAINST!
MISSY! TRY COMMANDING PIPLUP TO DO SOMETHING... ANYTHING!
YES!
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"GROWL!"
AND THEN "BUBBLE"!!!
POP
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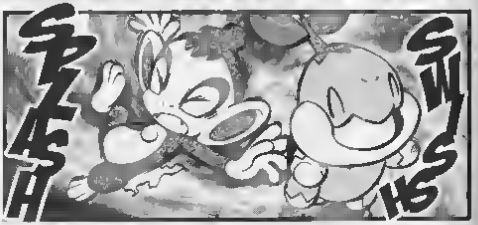
SPLASH
SWISH

PLAT
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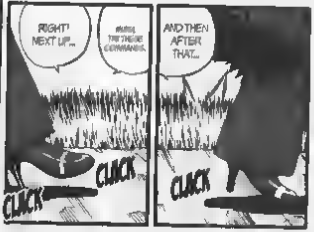
CLAW
CLAW
THUD
ALL RIGHT! THAT'S ALL FOR ROUND ONE.

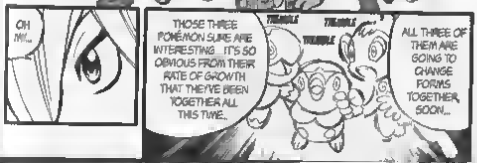
I MANAGED TO DEFEAT CHINCHAR, BUT TURTWIG IS REALLY DIFFICULT TO HANDLE...
IT WASN'T TOO BAD, THOUGH! "GROWL" AND "BUBBLE" AFFECTED BOTH POKÉMON, SO I'D SAY YOU MADE THE RIGHT DECISION ALL THINGS CONSIDERED.
BESIDES THAT, SINCE THE OPPONENT IS A GRASS-TYPE SPECIAL, STI YOU'LL HAVE TO AT LEAST BE ABLE TO HANDLE WIG...

SAY, DID YOU HEAR SOMETHING JUST NOW?
HUH? NO?


RIGHT! NEXT UP...
MAKE THE RIGHT COMMANDS.
CLICK
CLICK
AND THEN AFTER THAT...
CLICK

NO, DIA, LIKE THIS...
LIKE THIS, PEARL?
YES, RIGHT?
HAHF HAHF...

THESE FRIENDS BATTLING THEIR POKÉMON AGAINST EACH OTHER?
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE I LAST SAW SOMETHING SO HEART WARMING...?


OH MY...
THOSE THREE POKÉMON SURE ARE INTERESTING... IT'S SO OBVIOUS FROM THEIR RATE OF GROWTH THAT THEY'VE BEEN TOGETHER ALL THIS TIME...
TRIBBLE
TRIBBLE
TRIBBLE
ALL THREE OF THEM ARE GOING TO CHANGE FORMS TOGETHER, SOON...

SPURT
SPURT
JUST LIKE I SAID THEY WOULD!
TO BE CONTINUED